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SUBJECT: FINNISH-GDR TRADE ARRANGEMENT

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1. SINCE TRANSMITTAL OF REFTEL (A), COMMUNITY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING FINNS TO SUBMIT THEIR ARRANGEMENT WITH GDR UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIV RATHER THAN UNDER ARTICLE XXV WAIVER PROCEDURE. LUYTEN INFORMED US OCT 30 THAT THEY HAD HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH FINNS ON THIS AND THAT FINNS HAD DROPPED PLANS TO ASK FOR WAIVER. (IT HAD BEEN CLEAR ALL ALONG THAT FINNS WOULD FOLLOW WAIVER COURSE ONLY IF THERE WAS STRONG CERTAINTY THEY WOULD RECEIVE ONE WITHOUT FIGHT.) LUYTEN ALSO STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GATT DG LONG AND THAT LONG HAD NOT OBJECTED TO THIS COURSE. AT SOCIAL FUNCTION LATER OCT 30, MEMBER

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OF FINNISH DELEGATION (EGGERT) CONFIRMED FINNS NOW

PLANNING ARTICLE XXIV PRESENTATION. ACCORDINGLY,
IF EC DOES NOT RELENT FROM ITS POSITION, IT NOW SEEMS
UNLIKELY THAT FINNS CAN BE PERSUADED TO FOLLOW
WAIVER ROUTE.

2. GATT SECRETARIAT IS SEARCHING FOR CHAIRMAN FOR
LIKELY WORKING PARTY ON FINNISH-GDR ARRANGEMENT.
NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR EASTERBROOK-SMITH, WHO HAS
CHAired WORKING PARTY ON OTHER FINNISH-EE ARRANGE-
MENTS IS REFUSING TO CHAIR THIS ONE. (HE CONSIDERS
MEETING AT WHICH GDR WILL NOT PARTICIPATE WILL BE
UNABLE TO CONDUCT MEANINGFUL EXAMINATION. HE ALSO
HAS HEAVY OTHER CHAIRMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES.) ABRAMS

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